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Report Highlights:

Ethiopia recently announced a tender for 400,000 metric tons of milling wheat to be used for humanitarian assistance purposes in the country. Bids are due by October 24. Based on past experience, Post expects most of this wheat will be sourced from the Black Sea region. Delivery is expected by February 2018.

Ethiopia Looking to Buy 400,000 Tons of Wheat:

The Government of Ethiopia (GOE) recently [announced](#) a tender for 400,000 metric tons of milling wheat to be used for humanitarian assistance purposes in the country. The tendered amount will be divided in three separate tranches, totaling 200,000 metric tons, 125,000 metric tons, and 75,000 metric tons. Post understands that the original bid date (October 17) has been extended by one week to October 24. Delivery is expected by February 2018.

Based on past experience, Post expects most of this wheat will be sourced from the Black Sea region because it is generally one of the least expensive options. With the exception of food aid, nearly all wheat coming into the country in 2016 came from the Black Sea region, with Romania, Ukraine and Russia as the top three suppliers.

As of early September, Ethiopia had imported nearly 630,000 metric tons of milling wheat this calendar year, based on Port of Djibouti shipping data. This amount includes at least 120,000 metric tons of U.S. wheat food aid, valued at \$23 million.¹

The last time the GOE [tendered](#) for wheat was in in late August when they asked for bids for 70,000 metric tons of wheat to be used in the country's productive safety net project. The outcome of this tender is unavailable. Before this, in February of this year, the GOE [awarded](#) contracts to three international grain suppliers to deliver 400,000 metric tons of milling wheat for the country's subsidized bread production program.

¹ U.S. export data from Jan-Aug 2017.